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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III

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1. TICKELL TOLD US TODAY THAT THE US PAPER ON OPTION III IS BEING STUDIED INTENSIVELY BY FCO AND MOD. HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT HE COULD NOT BE SURE OF MEETING US DEADLINE OF APRIL 30 BUT HE DID NOT THINK BRITISH COMMENTS WOULD BE DELAYED MUCH THEREAFTER. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS A QUESTION OF AVAILABILITY OF MINISTERS AND SINCE MASON WOULD NOT BE BACK FROM A MIDDLE EAST/INDIAN OCEAN TRIP UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TICKELL THOUGHT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE END OF NEXT WEEK AT LEAST BEFORE THE BRITISH COMMENTS WOULD BE READY.

2. BY WAY OF PRELIMINARY COMMENT ON THE US TEXT, HE SAID THAT THE BRITISH BY AND LARGE AGREE WITH OUR PAPER BUT WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS TO MAKE. HIS INCLINATION AT THIS TIME IS TO SEND US BRITISH COMMENTS ON THE MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS TANKS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WHAT OPTION III IS EXPECTED TO BUY. HE THOUGHT THE BRITISH MIGHT WISH TO HOLD OFF MAKING COMMENTS ON SUCH DETAILED MATTERS AS CONSTRAINTS AND CEILINGS UNTIL

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